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SUBJECT: FY - 75 CU PROGRAMX;

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1. WILL NEED AT LEAST ONE MONTH'S ADVANCE NOTICE ON POST REQUESTS FOR ETA'S OF FY-75 IV GRANTEES ALREADY APPROVED. PROGRAM AGENCIES GETTING BOOKED UP FURTHER IN ADVANCE THAN EVER BEFORE.

2. FY-75 CU FUNDS CURRENTLY OBLIGATED BY LESOTHO TOTAL DOLS. 15,210 FOR THREE IV'S AND TWO TRAVEL-ONLY STUDENTS. IN ADDITION, COUNTRY ALLOCATION FUNDS BEING RESERVED FOR STUDENT RENEWALS FOR NTABEMI AND MAKARA TOTALLING APPROX. DOLS. 10,000. THIS LEAVES BALANCE OF ROUGHLY DOLS. 12,000.

3. DEPT DISINCLINED TO APPROVE FULL GRANT FOR FORMIN KOTSOKOANE. CU GRANTS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR RED CARPET, OFFICIAL-TYPE VISITS AND BUREAU HAS FOUND FROM PAST EXPERIENCE CE THAT DESPITE POST BRIEFINGS TO THE CONTRARY, FOREIGN MINISTERS ARRIVE EXPECTING VIP TREATMENT, INCLUDING A CALL ON THE SECRETARY, ETC. THIS IS NOT TO SAY WE EXCLUDE INDIVIDUALS OF MINISTERIAL RANK FROM CU PROGRAM, BUT
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THERE IS A HIGH RISK OF UNFULFILLED EXPECTATIONS, AND

GENERALLY IN THE CASE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS WE FEEL IT IS

MORE APPROPRIATE FOR HOST GOVERNMENT TO FOOT THE BILL FOR VISITS TO US WITH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON PROVIDING VIP SUPPORT. WE APPRECIATE THAT KOTSOKOANE IS A VALUABLE CONTACT IN HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL POSITION, AND WOULD CONSIDER PARTIAL GRANT COVERING PER DIEM AND DOMESTIC TRAVEL, IF EMBASSY HAS STRONG JUSTIFICATION AND IF EMBASSY BELIEVES KOTSOKOANE IS LIKELY TO MAINTAIN HIS CURRENT PROMINENCE. ADDITIONALLY WE COULD ATTEMPT LOCATE PRIVATE FUNDING FOR U.S. EXPENSES OF HIS WIFE, BUT MAY BE DIFFICULT IN THESE DAYS OF TIGHT MONEY. IF SHE HAS SOME SUBSTANTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, ETC. THIS WOULD HELP INTEREST POTENTIAL DONORS. ADVISE.

4. WE CANNOT HOLD BALANCE OF FUNDS BEYOND APRIL 1 WITHOUT NAMES AND TITLES OF IV'S TO BE NOMINATED.

5. NEED ANSWER TO PARAS 2 AND 3 STATE REFTEL.

6. IS POST STILL SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN FY-76 FUNDED FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR FOR UBLS ROMA IN MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING? KISSINGER

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